



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**MAYOR DICK MURPHY
Science and Technology Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

The San Diego Science and Technology Commission (SDS&TC) held a regularly scheduled meeting on, December 3, 2003, hosted by the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation located at 401 B Street, Suite 1100, San Diego, CA 92101.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Dr. Martha Dennis, SDS&TC Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Members present: Craig Andrews, Dr. Martha Dennis, Dr. Tom Dillon, Charles Holland, Susan Myrland, Dr. Gail Naughton, Tyler Orion, Craig Roberts, Maurice Wilson, and Julie Meier Wright. Members absent: Dr. Hui Cai, Jon Cohen, Scott Corlett, Vicki Marion, Kasey Phimmason, Richard Polanco Jr., Deputy Commander Scott Randall, and Carrie Stone. Others Present: Lauree Sahba and Eric Bruvold with Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Marney Cox and Mr. Matt Eary with the San Diego Regional Association of Governments (SANDAG). Ms. Christine Ang with San Diego Regional Technology Alliance (SDRTA). Community & Economic Development Department staff members, Toni Dillon, Russ Gibbon, Tina Hines, Ana Maria Jaramillo, and Jeff Kavar.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:** October 22, 2003.
(MOTION/SECOND/Dillon/Orion/UNANIMOUS)
- IV. **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**
- A. Industrial and Residential Collocation Criteria: Russ Gibbon recapped the collocation of residential and industrial uses issue for the Commissioners. He stated that due to the recession, a high vacancy rate, and a housing shortage developers are advocating the construction of residential units within industrial areas. Gibbon distributed a draft of the proposed Council Policy 600-41 (Industrial Land Conversion and Collocation Criteria) and the strike out landlord version to the Commissioners for discussion.

Upon review and discussion of the drafts, the Commission moved to provide an advisory opinion to be considered by City policy makers. The Commission strongly recommended that should the Council decide to approve a policy regarding the residential use of industrial land that this policy: (1) not result in a situation where occupancy cost for science and technology firms is likely to rise; or, the availability of suitable industrial land and buildings are diminished as a result of competition with residential users for the same land; (2) not result in operational constraints on science and technology firms arising from political activism, complaints to governmental agencies, or litigation from new residents not previously residing on adjacent properties; (3) not result in exacerbating existing conditions of traffic congestion in industrial areas presently occupied by science and technology firms.
(MOTION/SECOND/Dillon/Roberts/UNANIMOUS)

- B. Regularly Scheduled Meeting Calendar for 2004: The 2004 meeting calendar was approved and has been posted on the Science and Technology Commission website.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

- A. Digital Inclusion Working Group: Ms. Tyler Orion reiterated that there are two studies being executed simultaneously. The Waitt Foundation is conducting a study that will revisit the digital divide issue. The Science and Technology Commission has contracted for a Digital Inclusion Economic Prosperity follow-on study to identify how the digital divide affects the economic prosperity of San Diego.

As a precursor to the Science and Technology Commission's study, a thousand surveys have been sent out by the San Diego Regional Technology Alliance (SDRTA) to residents to gauge their perception of digital inclusion. The preliminary results of this survey will be compiled and a report of these findings should be completed by March.

Before the conclusion of the DWIG update, Mr. Maurice Wilson asked if the Commission could support the Black Family Technology Expo event that is scheduled for February 17, 2004. The Commissioners agreed to mention this event to their affiliates.

- B. Planning Economic Prosperity (P.E.P.): Dr. Martha Dennis stated that the name of this subcommittee has been changed to Science and Technology for Economic Prosperity (S.T.E.P.).

Marney Cox, Chief Economist, with the San Diego Regional Association of Governments (SANDAG) spoke about the updated industry cluster study that his staff will execute for the Science and Technology Commission. Cox stated that this report will examine the economic drivers of the San Diego economy and revise technology cluster profiles. Mr. Cox said that the purpose of his report is to set the stage for recommendations to public policy makers.

Lauree Sahba was asked to comment regarding the coordination of the Science and Technology for Economic Prosperity Forum. Sahba mentioned that Dr. Naughton has offered to host the forum at SDSU facilities. It has been decided that thirty five industry leaders from the Science and Technology clusters be will invited to participate in the S.T.E.P. event. Mr. Doug Henton with Collaborative Economics will facilitate the forum and write a brief that will be presented to the City's Rules Committee. Ms. Julie Meier Wright suggested that the \$10,000 previously allocated by the Commission to fund the S.T.E.P. Forum may not be sufficient to cover costs. Wright requested that the Commission increase the funding amount to \$20,000.
(MOTION/SECOND/Wright/Dillon/UNANIMOUS)

- VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS: The next regular meeting will be February 18, 2004 from 3 PM to 5PM.

- VII. ADJOURN: There being no further business of the Commission; this meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.